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Kazunobu Maruo et al.

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For: OLIGOMER-MODIFIED LAYERED
INORGANIC COMPOUNDS AND THEIR USE
IN NANOCOMPOSITES

Examiner: Vickey Ronesi

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 27, 2006, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-14 and 18-30).

It is submitted that all claims 1-40 should be examined this application, and the restriction requirement should be withdrawn, since the claims include an intercalate (product); a method of manufacturing the product; and a method of using the product in a polymer to form a nanocomposite (composite) material.

As set forth in the MPEP § 806.05(i), such a restriction is not proper where the product claims are allowable. Applicants submit that the product claims are allowable and, therefore, all claims 1-40 should be examined.

It is submitted that all claims 1-40 are of proper form and scope for allowance.
Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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